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Application Number	09/600,460
Filing Date	10/30/2000
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Art Unit	2811
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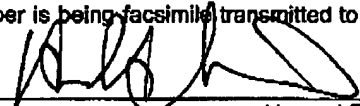
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/600,460
Universal Signal Distribution System
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Your Ref: FR001B; Our Ref: METR0270US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). An extension of time of one month for responding to the final office action is requested.

Small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the application.

The RCE filing fee of \$395.00 and fee for a one month extension of time in the amount of \$60.00, plus any unpaid fee or balance which must be paid at this time to keep the case alive, may be charged to deposit account no. 06-0735.

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